
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

DRAFT CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Cleanup and Abatement (CAA) Funding Program Guidelines (Guidelines), dated October 2018.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will consider adoption of the Guidelines as early as the Tuesday, December 11, 2018 State Water Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CAA is established by Water Code sections 13440 to 13443. The CAA is funded by various monies including those: appropriated by the Legislature; collected as part of criminal penalties or civil proceedings brought pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code; collected or recovered by the State Water Board or a Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) under Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code; and repaid by loan recipients, including principal, interest, and fees.

In some instances, a court judgment or settlement agreement specifies how collected funds are to be spent (e.g., a specific cleanup, investigation, or supplemental environmental project [SEP]). Those funds are typically set aside in the CAA for that identified purpose, consistent with statutes governing uses of the CAA. After accounting for these needs and other prior encumbrances, remaining CAA funds may be utilized to fund: (1) projects that clean up and/or abate the effects of a waste on waters of the State, or (2) projects that address urgent drinking water needs.

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has developed Draft Guidelines which describe the process for soliciting applications, prioritizing and evaluating project proposals, and awarding CAA funding to these types of projects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Guidelines are available for review online at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/

You may also request a paper copy of the Draft Guidelines by contacting Mr. Mark Magtoto at (916) 341-5481 or mark.magtoto@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on the Draft Guidelines. To submit written comments, please use the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Cleanup and Abatement Funding Program Guidelines”**. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Friday, November 9, 2018** and should be submitted to the attention of:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters in pdf less than 15 megabytes may be emailed to the Clerk to the Board at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Staff intend to present the Draft Guidelines to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption at the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting. After reviewing public comments submitted by the November 9, 2018 deadline, an updated version of the Guidelines will be posted for public review and comment prior to consideration of adoption. This will occur as part of the regular State Water Board Meeting Agenda process, at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the Board Meeting, participants will be given the opportunity to make oral comments or to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient Board Meeting, the Board may limit the time for oral comments. For recommendations regarding presentations to the Board, please go to:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

BOARD MEETING LOCATION

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to this website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5881 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for security clearance.

FUTURE NOTICES

Any change in the date, time, and place of the adoption meeting, or to the public comment period will be provided via the State Water Board email distribution list for the CAA. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Guidelines must subscribe to the State Water Board's email distribution list. The subscription form is located at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

To subscribe, select the "Financial Assistance (Grants and Loans)" category, then check the box for "Cleanup and Abatement Funding Assistance," and provide the required information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct all questions regarding this notice and the Guidelines to Mr. Mark Magtoto at (916) 341-5481 or mark.magtoto@waterboards.ca.gov.

October 9, 2018

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board